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459th FIGHTER SQUADRON THE TWIN DRAGONS

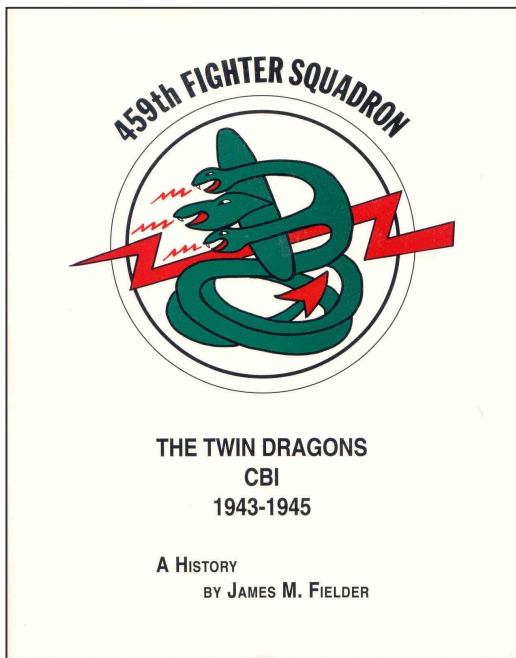
A HISTORY BY JAMES M. FIELDER

Early in World War II, there were only two P-38 fighter squadrons in the China-Burma-India Theater, the 449th and the 459th. The 449th was in China; the 459th was in southern India assisting with the retaking of Rangoon.

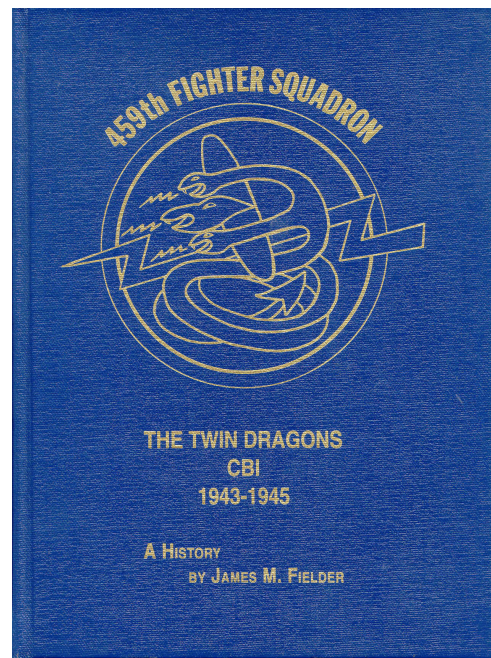
The 459th known as the “Twin Dragon Squadron” was an unusual squadron. The P-38 airplane itself stood out among the P-51s, P-40s, Hurricanes, Spitfires, Beaufighters, and Vengeances. For much of its short life, the squadron was under the operational control of the RAF – the 224 Group and the Third Tactical Air Force. Also, the squadron was activated in a combat zone and would never see a day of duty in the continental U.S..

The squadron had a total of 149 enemy airplanes destroyed in the air and on the ground (123 were destroyed in 58 combat days). There were 6 aces in the squadron. All of this occurred in about 25 months of operation.

James Fielder, a retired Colonel in the U. S. Air Force describes the activities of this unique squadron in his book, 459th Fighter Squadron – The Twin Dragons. James Fielder was transferred to the newly activated squadron in October 1943 and was with the squadron until it was deactivated in November 1945. During that time, the 459th Fighter Squadron’s combat missions made it famous in the CBI Theater. Mission descriptions, daily activities, rosters, pilot scores, and pictures are all included in this book along with many personal accounts from members of the squadron.



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